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ABSTRACT

This three-part book addresses the design or maintenance of spaces where children are the primary users, covering both commercial and residential designs and products. Part 1 provides anthropometric data of children from birth to age 18; offers dimensions for typical objects within the child's built environment; synthesizes the Consumer Product Safety Commission's safety guidelines for play areas; and provides dimensions of typical, and sometimes untypical, products that are often found in children's environments. Part 2 features a source list developed for designers that includes products appropriate for use in children's environments. Part 3 chapters outline the development of children's abilities and perceptions in the first stages of life from birth to age 10, and offers a bibliography of the most effective and highly regarded resources in the area of children's design. Appendices provide a list of state agencies responsible for the licensing of child care facilities throughout the United States, and dimensioned diagrams of areas required for several children's games and athletic playing fields and courts. (GR)

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